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Arizona All Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

Arizona's all cattle inventory as of January 1, 2009, is estimated at 1,020,000 head, up 2 percent from last January's revised inventory. The beef cow inventory increased by 5,000 head to 200,000 head, and the milk cow inventory increased 5000 head from a year ago to 190,000 head. Other classes of cattle inventory include steers at 370,000 head, down 5,000 head; milk replacement heifers at 50,000 head, unchanged; beef replacement heifers at 35,000 head, up 5,000; and calves at 135,000 head, up 5,000 from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2009, totaled 94.5 million head, 2 percent below the 96.0 million on January 1, 2008.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.0 million, were down 2 percent from the 41.7 million on January 1, 2008. Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2008. Milk cows, at 9.33 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2008.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2009, and the change from January 1, 2008, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.6 million, down 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.53 million, down 2 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.41 million, down slightly. Other heifers, 9.65 million, down 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, down 2

percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.18 million, down 1 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, down 1 percent.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.9 million, down 7 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, up 1 percent.

The 2008 calf crop was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.3 million, down 1 percent from 2007.

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